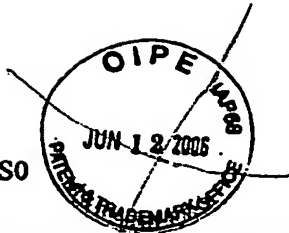


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Responsive to the Office Action of March 15, 2006, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Basis for the Amendment begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

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